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REMARKS

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1. During the night of 9 September 1952, the radio unit with about 40 motor vehicles moved out of Stalag I, south of the Luckenwalde-Frankenfelde and Luckenwalde-Frankenfoerde road fork. (1)

2. At 4 p.m. on 12 September, a train carrying 3 x 76-mm AA guns, 15 trucks, 1 field kitchen, 1 radio truck of the [redacted] and 3 boxcars with about 200 troops passed through Beelitz (N 53/Z 51) in the direction of Justerbog. (2) At 5 p.m. on 13 September, a column of 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 1 jeep, 25 trucks, 1 radio truck and 1 field kitchen including vehicles of the [redacted] passed through Beelitz toward Treuenbrietzen (N 53/Z 50). (3)

3. No engineer practices were observed at the engineer camp south of Lukow, east of the Kaserne Dessau-Rosslau, (M 52/L 17) on the Elbe River during the last half of August. On 27 August, an engineer unit engaged in machine gun firing practice with live ammunition south of Lukow. [redacted]

4. During the period from 3 to 9 September, the Karl Marx Schule in Cottbus-Schmellwitz (N 52/A 57) was requisitioned by the Soviets. The school area was surrounded by a 2-meter board fence. Sentries with red-bordered black epaulets were guarding the entrance. Telephone lines extended into the school. Three apartment houses adjacent to the school had also been requisitioned and occupied by troops. (5)

5. During the period from 1 to 11 September, two officers and about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in construction work on a 4-meter wide emergency bridge across the Mulde River, 500 meters southeast of the railway bridge south of Grimma (N 52/L 40). Some of the soldiers wore construction-engineer insignia. Wooden piles about 30 cm in diameter were placed at intervals of 3.5 meters and coupled to piers. The walk-way was covered with planks 3 inches thick. Soldiers would daily march back to the Elsner Kaserne on Franz Mehring Strasse. According to

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[redacted] the troops were expected to return to the Grimma post about 20 September. (6)

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6. At 2 p.m. on 26 August, 12 trucks including [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 9 with pontoons and 3 with bridge building equipment and about 70 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the Bad Koesen (M 52/J 78) railroad station. On the same day, three groups of about 30 men each with about 50 pontoons, numerous wood bridge-building material, 3 large pile drivers and 2 motorboats engaged in an engineer practice at the training grounds on the eastern bank of the Saale River, opposite Laengefeld. (7)

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- (1) [redacted] it was assumed that these signal vehicles had apparently individually arrived on 31 August and 1 September and, therefore, were not a unit at practice but vehicles for repair which were turned in at the signal equipment workshop stationed there. [redacted] 25X1
- (2) The same shipment of a unit of the 2d Gds AA Div was observed passing through the Nauen railroad station at 1:30 p.m. on the same day by [redacted] 25X1
- (3) [redacted] gives a vague indication as to the 1st Mecz Div. Artillery units of Divisions of the Second Gds Mecz Army were engaged in firing practices in Jueterbog in August. 25X1
- (4) The report and [redacted] tend to indicate that the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG from Magdeburg was still in its summer camp southeast of the Rossiau Kaserne at the end of August. 25X1
- (5) Probably the building [redacted] as Lehrer- bildungsanstalt. See [redacted] 25X1
- (6) The elements of the 3th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Grimma have been at Koenigsbrueck since April 1952. It was learned from other military posts that their respective troops were expected to return to their posts. The fall maneuvers were scheduled to begin, between 20 and 25 September. The present report tends to indicate that the 133d Gds Engr Bn the majority of which is believed to be still with the division at Koenigsbrueck is stationed in the Ellsner Kaserne, while previous reports concluded that it was quartered in the Strassburg Kaserne. [redacted] 25X1
- (7) [redacted] belong to the Eighth Gds Army. The [redacted]

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